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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN WOMEN LABOR LEADERS TO ATTEND CONFERENCE IN US

1. TWO NIGERIAN WOMEN INVOLVED IN LEFT-WING TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES PLAN TO ATTEND CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN TRADE UNIONS SPONSORED BY COALITION OF LABOR UNION WOMEN IN CHICAGO MARCH 23-24. INVITATION SIGNED BY ADDIE WYATT AS COORDINATOR. TWO WOMEN ARE MRS. CLARA K. AJAYI, PRESIDENT NIGERIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (NTUF) WOMEN'S WING; AND MISS CLARA A. DANIYAN, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER, AIR TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION (AN AFFILIATE OF NTUF). BOTH WORK FOR NIGERIAN AIRWAYS. TWO WOMEN PLAN TO REMAIN IN US FOR APPROXIMATE TWO-WEEK PERIOD AND ARE UNDER IMPRESSION COALITION WILL BE ARRANGING VISITS TO VARIOUS TRADE UNIONS.

2. MRS. AJAYI STATES SHE HAS VISITED NUMBER OF EASTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS ON TRADE UNION AND "PEACE" MATTERS. SHE HAS LETTER OF WELCOME TO CHICAGO FROM A MISS OLA KENNEDY WHO IS CONNECTED WITH COALITION OF LABOR UNION WOMEN AND WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY KNOWN MRS. AJAYI, PARTICULARLY AT STOCKHOLM PEACE CONFERENCE.

3. COMMENT: COALITION OF LABOR UNION WOMEN IS UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY. BOTH NIGERIAN PARTICIPANTS ARE FORMER MEMBERS OF LEFT-WING NIGERIAN TRADE UNION CONGRESS AND ARE MEMBERS OF A

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UNION WITH STRONG LEFT-WING LEADERSHIP. IF COALITION UNLIKELY

TO GIVE THESE VISITORS A BALANCED VIEW OF US SCENE, WE
SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CONSIDER APPROACHING NIGERIAN PARTICIPANTS
AS TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY AND ATTEMPT HELP ARRANGE SOME CONTACT
FOR THEM WITH RESPONSIBLE TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION. POSSIBLE
APPROACH WOULD BE TO HAVE UNION COVERING AIRLINE CLERKS CONTACT
NIGERIAN PARTICIPANTS AND ARRANGE ONE OR TWO DAY VISIT TO
CHICAGO LOCAL.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY REPORTS DEPARTMENT MAY BE ABLE TO
FURNISH ON CHICAGO SEMINAR OR ON COALITION.
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